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From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: GUIDANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED DISABILITY
EVALUATION SYSTEM EXCEPTION TO POLICY OF STANDARD OPERATING
PROCEDURE

Ref: (a) USD(P&R) memo Integrated Disability Evaluation System-Trainees/Recruits/
Midshipmen/Cadets of 30 Sep 2011
(b) ASN(M&RA) memo Integrated Disability Evaluation System-Trainees/Recruits/
Midshipmen/Cadets of 27 Jan 2012
(c) SECNAV Manual 5210.1 of Jan 2012

1. Purpose. To provide guidance regarding implementation of exception to policy that will exempt Initial Entry Training (IET) members from referral and enrollment into the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES).

2. Scope. This instruction applies to Navy Medicine (NAVMED) Regions and their subordinate commands and all medical treatment facilities (MTFs) and their subordinate hospitals and clinics.

3. Background

a. The Department of the Navy (DON) faces very unique challenges to comprehensively care for our Sailors and Marines. Our IET members present some very specific challenges that require a process that recognizes the environment and supports the legal process of taking care of these members.

b. References (a) and (b) address these concerns and provide authority for the Service Departments to provide courses of action and guidance.

4. Guidance. Per reference (b), an eligible IET member is defined as one who is enlisted in basic military training or recruit training camp (boot camp). Effective immediately, all IET members diagnosed with an injury, disease, or illness that calls into question their ability to continue to serve, are exempt from enrollment into IDES. The Service members will be processed individually using the legacy medical board process with direct coordination from the Physical Evaluation Board (PEB). Each NAVMED Region command and MTF will ensure that these exempt Service members enroll in and attend the Veteran Administration's Benefit Delivery at Discharge (BDD)/Quick Start Program. A copy of the BDD/Quick Start claim will accompany the Medical Board package to the PEB and will be retained in the file maintained at

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the MTF. Any IET member currently enrolled in the IDES process may be disenrolled from IDES and initiated a medical board utilizing the Legacy process as long as their IDES case file has not been submitted to the PEB. Any cases already submitted to the PEB will remain in the IDES process. Each MTF that is processing IET members will provide monthly and annual case volume to the Director, Warrior Life Cycle Management (BUMED-M91) and Patient Administration (BUMED-M3B1) via their Navy Medicine Region commands of the number of current legacy case volume that are being processed.

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6. Report. The reporting requirements contained in this instruction are exempt from reports control in accordance with SECNAV Manual 5214.1 of Dec 2005, Part III, paragraph 7g.

7. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed in accordance with reference (c).



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